KERALA ARTS—LIKE KAIKOTTI KALI AND KOLATTAM—GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS—TEACHING OF

79. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether provision is made in all the Girls' High Schools of the State for teaching girls Kerala arts like "*Kaikotti Kali*" and "*Kolattam*" (കൈകൊട്ടിക്കളി, കോലാട്ടം.)

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state in how many schools there is provision at present;

(*c*) what will be the actual annual expense of the Government if provision for this is made in all the Girls' High Schools of the State;

(*d*) will the Government kindly consider this question as early as possible?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) There is provision in the Government Training Institution and Girls' High School, Ernakulam.

(*c*) An additional sum of about Rs. 3,000 will be required as pay and grant if provision is to be made in all the Girls' High Schools including Palace Girls' High School, Trippunittura. Besides, a music shed will also have to be constructed in some of the schools.

(*d*) The question will be considered when funds permit.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know what is the special feature of the Ernakulam Girls' High School?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: There are certain historical incidents which have taken place even in the evolution of this institution. In certain institutions, the strength has gone up and therefore certain amenities have to be provided. Similar amenities have been provided in the Girls' High School, Trichur. There is a Music School attached to it. These are only historical accidents and for such accidents no explanation can be given.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether there is any physical training in this School?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: There is no Drill Instructor. But there are teachers who are competent to give lessons in *Kaikotti Kali* and *Kolattam*.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether this system is followed in all schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is being followed in all the Schools I have visited.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have the girls any dumbel exercise ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is not being resorted to during School hours?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any objection ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There is absolutely no objection according to Code.

LEAVE FOR ILL-HEALTH—CERTIFICATES FROM ASSISTANT SURGEONS

80. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are cases in the second half of 1114 where certificates from Assistant Surgeons were insisted upon for granting leave for teachers of the Education Department;

(*b*) if so, the number of such cases;

(*c*) whether such certificates from Assistant Surgeons are required for the purpose of granting maternity leave for women teachers;

(*d*) are there not cases where maternity leave has been refused for want of such certificates?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In all cases where leave applied for is on account of ill-health a certificate from a doctor not below the rank of an Assistant Surgeon is insisted on.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know from the Hon'ble Member for Medicine the number of Assistant Surgeons in the Cochin Medical Department?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Offg. Chief Medical Officer):* Forty-seven.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know the reason for insisting on such certificates from Assistant Surgeons even in the case of maternity leave?

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